

Spring 2007

Reuse • Recycle • Conserve

City of Kirkland Public Works Department



WATCH FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Collection Event (April 21st)

Happy Earth Day! (April 22nd)

Visit www.epa.gov/earthday

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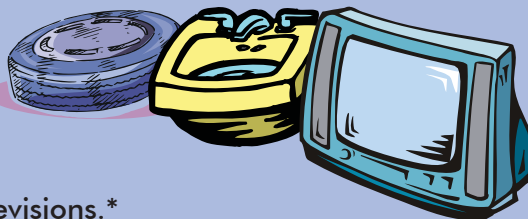
Conservation Tips

Reduce Waste & Junk Mail

Special Collection Event

WHAT: Special Collection Event
WHERE: Houghton Park & Ride
WHEN: Saturday, April 21, 2007 - 9 am to 3 pm
PRESENTED BY: City of Kirkland & King County

This is a great opportunity to clean out your garage and safely recycle items that normally cannot be left at the curb with your regular Waste Management pick-up service. Examples of items that you can bring are tires, motor oil, batteries, clothing, porcelain toilets and sinks, electronic equipment and televisions.*



Always Secure Your Load – It's the Law!

As of July 2005, the fine for transporting an unsecured load is \$194. If an item falls off a vehicle and causes bodily harm, the driver now faces gross misdemeanor charges and penalties of up to \$5000 and/or up to a year in prison. Please see <http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/facilities> and click on Secure Your Load, or call (206) 296-4466 for more information and tips for securing loads.



*Restrictions apply and some items are not collected. Some user fees apply to cover the cost of proper processing and recycling. All items collected will be recycled. View the flyer at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle or call the Recycling Hotline at (425) 587-3812 for more information.

Funding provided by the King County Solid Waste Division, King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program, and the Washington State Department of Ecology

Recycling Guide

Put in Your **All-In-One** Recycling Cart:

Empty recyclables out of bags and boxes and put them loose in the all-in-one recycling container so that they can be quickly sorted.

Clean paper & mail

Flattened cardboard (*limit 3'x3'*)

Paperback & telephone books

Magazines & catalogs

Paper boxes (*cereal, etc.*) without liners

Newspaper & advertising supplements

Frozen food boxes

Milk cartons & juice boxes

Gift wrap (*without foil or ribbon*)

Paper egg cartons

Glass bottles & jars (*no lids or caps*)

Plastic bottles & jugs (*no lids or caps*)

Round plastic dairy tubs
(*yogurt, margarine, etc.*) without lids

Aluminum & tin cans

Scrap Metal

(*limit 2' x 2' x 2', 35 lbs;
no wood or plastic attachments*)

Plastic bags are not accepted, but may be recycled at participating grocery stores.



Extra Recyclables

There is no charge for collection of extra recyclables that don't fit in your container. Put them in paper bags marked "recycling".



Special Recycling for Electronics

Computers and TVs contain hazardous materials and are not allowed in the garbage.



For more information about recycling these and other electronics:

Take it Back Network (206) 296-4466

www.dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/takeitback

Not Recyclable

NO Food-soiled paper or boxes

NO Paper towels, plates or napkins

NO Plastic bags (*recycle at grocery stores*)

NO Styrofoam containers or packing peanuts

NO Plastic other than bottles, jugs and tubs

NO Plastic take-out containers

NO Plastic trays (*bakery, meat, etc.*)

NO Plastic cups, plates or utensils

NO Prescription vials

NO Knives or scissors

NO Aluminum foil or foil baking pans

NO Needles or syringes

NO Toxic containers (*antifreeze, oil, etc.*)

NO Diapers or rags

NO Ceramics or dishes

NO Light bulbs

NO Mirrors or window glass

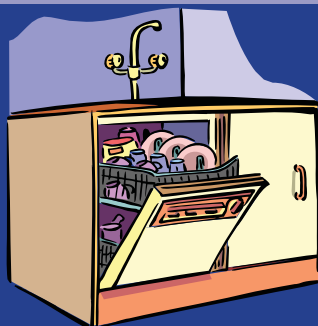
NO Aerosol cans

NO Food wrap

Conservation Tips

► In the kitchen:

- Do not pre-rinse dishes. Most newer dishwashers do not require pre-rinsing.
- Wash only full loads of dishes in your dishwasher. You will not only save water, but energy as well.



► In the bathroom:

- Turn the water off. Minimize faucet use when shaving and brushing teeth.
- Take showers instead of baths. A bathtub holds up to 50 gallons of water - a typical shower uses less than 20 gallons.
- Shorten your shower by 1 minute. Cut back on your shower time and you will gain big savings in water and energy.



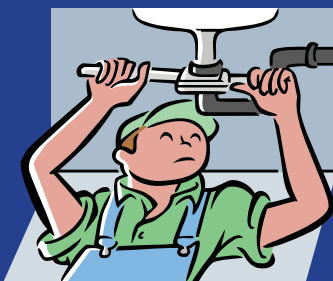
► For the laundry room:

- Wash only full loads of laundry. You will save water and energy!
- Consider purchasing a new clothes washer that is water- and energy-efficient. Rebates are available for qualified models. Visit www.cascadewater.org and click on rebates.



► Around the house:

- Fix those leaking faucets. Research has shown that an average of 8% of all home water use is wasted through leaks. For instructions on how to check for a toilet leak, visit www.cascadewater.org and click on conservation and then tips.
- Reuse clean household water. Collect all the water that is wasted while waiting for the hot water to reach your faucet and use it to water your houseplants or outdoor planters. Do the same with water that is used to boil eggs or steam vegetables.



While supplies last, conservation kits are available free of charge. Please call (425) 587-3907 for more details.

For more conservation tips and rebate opportunities, visit www.cascadewater.org and click on conservation.

Lunch Bags

Call (425) 587-3812 for your free reusable lunch bag. Supplies are limited; one per person please.

Reduce Waste, Packaging & Junk Mail

We have all experienced over-packaged products. Some small items are packaged in large sealed plastic containers, while non-fragile items sometimes arrive at our homes in large boxes filled with Styrofoam peanuts. In addition to packaging, we also get inundated with annoying junk mailings.

While we cannot always prevent this, there are some things we can do to reduce unwanted packaging and lessen unread junk mail deliveries.

King County has published a list of waste reduction activities that include ways to reduce packaging and junk mail. Suggestions include using reusable materials (thus lessening the need to continually buy replacements), getting off lists for credit offers and signing up for Mail Preference Service to remove your name from several national mailing lists at once. Visit www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/wasteprevention/tips.asp for more information.

Wasteful facts:

- **The U.S. Postal Service delivers more than 100 billion pieces of bulk mail every year.**
- **Packaging makes up 30% of solid waste.**



Comments

The City of Kirkland would like to hear your comments about this newsletter or your suggestions for future issues. Please call **(425) 587-3907** or email [**vlock@ci.kirkland.wa.us**](mailto:vlock@ci.kirkland.wa.us).

Mosquitoes & West Nile Virus

West Nile virus is a serious, even fatal illness. It can affect people, horses, certain types of birds, and other animals. The virus is spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. The best ways to prevent West Nile virus are to avoid mosquito bites, and to reduce populations of the species of mosquitoes that are likely to carry the virus. The City of Kirkland is also taking steps to protect the public. For further information on West Nile virus, see www.ci.kirkland.wa.us and enter West Nile in the search box or call (425) 587-3800.

And remember - **mosquito problems start at home.**



Don't Give Mosquitoes a Chance!

Mosquitoes need water to breed and grow. It doesn't take much water and it doesn't take much time. So, almost anything that will hold water for one week or more can produce these pests. Many places around your home may cause mosquito problems. Get rid of places where water collects and mosquitoes won't have a chance!

Car Wash Fundraisers

Are you holding a car wash as a way to raise money for your non-profit community group? If so, make sure that you keep the soapy oily and dirty wash water out of storm drains. It is against the law in Kirkland to discharge wash water to storm drains, as what you put in these drains you put into the nearest lake or stream. Please email recycle@ci.kirkland.wa.us or call the City at (425) 587-3800 for further information.

The following are two alternatives for handling car wash runoff:

- **Sell Tickets for Professional Car Washes.** The Puget Sound Car Wash Association partners with community groups to offer tickets redeemable at professional car washes throughout the Puget Sound area. See www.bakeco.com and click on Order Form Car Wash Tickets for further details or call the City at (425) 587-3800 for a program brochure.
- **Check out a Car Wash Kit.** If you do choose to hold your own car wash, the City has kits available for check out free of charge to divert car wash runoff into the sanitary sewer. Call (425) 587-3800 to reserve a kit well in advance of the date you plan to hold a car wash. The kits are popular, especially on summer weekends.



Use a car wash to
save water and
elbow grease.
(Car washes use less water.)

Be water smart.



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